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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application Number: 10/586,144  
Filed: 14 July 2006  
Assignees: Donald H. Eason and Steven Grant Fisher  
Title: Instrument Support Apparatus with Internal Cabling  
Examiner: Christopher J. Uhlir  
Art Unit: 2837  
Assignee: Swift Distribution, Inc.  
Attorney Docket: USS-MDS20-PCT3-USNP  
Customer No. 33549  
Confirmation No. 4166

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND  
ARGUMENT, AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION,  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

In response to the office action mailed December 9, 2009, the Assignee files herewith a response thereto, including amendment and argument, and requests that the Office amend the claims and reconsider the application in light of such amendments and the explanation presented herein. The Assignee notes that a Petition for Extension of Time to Reply to Office Action is filed herewith; accompanying payments include an additional claims fee.

As part of this reply, please find the following:

- I. Amendments to the Claims on page 2;
- II. Remarks on page 8; and
- III. Conclusion on page 13.